GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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UNANI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Unani hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States for opening of Unani hospitals in their States including at Dhubri in Assam;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether a number of these proposals are pending for approval, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the time by which these pending proposals are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to popularise Unani System of medicine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): the State/UT-wise number of Unani hospitals in the country, is placed at Annexure.
(b): As Health is a State subject, opening or Setting up of Hospitals including Unani Hospitals in the State/UT lies within the purview of the respective State/UT Government. However, Department of AYUSH operates a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development for AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries, in which financial assistance is being provided to the States/UT for AYUSH Hospitals including Unani Hospitals subject to the submission of the eligible proposals within the allocated resource pool for the state, commitment for matching state share as per the Scheme guidelines and clearance of pending Utilization Certificates (UCs).
No proposal for opening of Unani Hospital in Assam including Dhubri has been received from State Government of Assam.
(c): Not applicable.
(d): No eligible proposal is pending for approval at Department of AYUSH
(e): Government of India has taken following steps to popularize Unani system of medicine in education, research and delivery of health services.
To improve the quality of education in Unani System, Govt. of India has approved and notified the Minimum Standard Requirements of Unani Colleges and its attached Hospitals.
To promote Higher Education and Research in Unani System of Medicine, Government of India has established a National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM) at Bangalore which is functioning since 2004.
Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of AYUSH Institutions, Grant-in aid is provided to the educational institutions at the rate of Rs. 200 Lakhs for UG institution, Rs. 300 Lakhs for PG institution for infrastructural development and Rs. 500 Lakhs for development of Model institute.
Keeping in view the importance of Research, in 1978 Government of India established an independent Research council for Unani System of Medicine namely The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM).
The Government of India is providing financial assistance for upgradation of hospitals and for purchase of Unani Medicines to the State Government Dispensaries and hospitals including Unani under Centrally Sponsored scheme for Development of AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries.
The Department of AYUSH, under Central Sector Scheme, "Center of excellence" provides financial Assistance to establish/upgrade centers of excellence in Unani System to AYUSH organizations (Government/Non-Government/ Non- profit) engaged in AYUSH education/ drug development and research/clinical research etc.
Under International Co-operation Scheme a Unani Chair has been established at University of western Cape South Africa, for promotion of Unani System and Education in South Africa.